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## European FT Initiative.

Calling all UFO Research Groups in both the United Kingdom & on the European Mainland. An attempt to track the black triangular-shaped UFO across Europe during the years 1993 - 1997 is underway. Based upon Project FT's database which contains some 7,000 sighting reports, additional FT reports are required which will be added to the database and which may possibly reveal just where the

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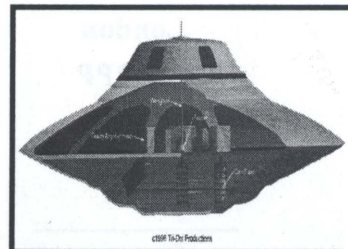
When you receive this newsletter the decision will of been made (On the 29th September) whether or not to cancel conference '99. For the groups sake I hope that it goes ahead and we walk away with some money left

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in the bank. If not, well it will be good bye from me and a good bye from him. The Southampton UFO Group will go down in history as just another of those insignificant groups that falls by the wayside like all the others. But, lets not dwell on this and what does this edition of the newsletter hold in store. Well, a look at Russian UFOlogy, NASA designs a flying saucer !, results of the SUFOG AGM and boy, what a result !!, and when aliens steal your sleep !!! Also, there is the continuing reports of our trip to Avebury on the 31st July with 2 more views. A 33

minute video is available to members of the groups excursion to Avebury along with Busty Taylor's excellent lecture to SUFOG members in 1999. To obtain your copy, please send a cheque for £8.00 to the editors address and I promise that you will not be sorry. See the Crop Circle phenomenon unfold in front of your very own eyes.

Conference '99 has now room for a 4th speaker who has yet to announced, but I hope it will be a speaker of interest to one and all. So far, we have stalls covering Totton college's UFO course, SUFOG's own group table, Quest International table, Lionel Beer and his books and hopefully one or two more tables of interest. I have contacted other UFO



groups to see if they would like a table at the event and also there is a possibility of crop circle photographs being on sale on the day. Remember to bring your cheque book on the day, as there will be a whole range of items for sale.... !!! We have one slight problem with regards to the cafeteria, but I hope to have this sorted out by the time the final wheels are set in motion.

Why did NASA lose the Mars Climate Orbiter space craft that \$160,000,000 to build and suddenly lose. Well the story is inside and please, don't make me laugh, but feet and metric measurements.... Or did ET take a liking to it... And added it to his junk



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## CICOPS'S RESPONSE TO TNT'S KGB UFO FILES..

James Oberg, CSICOP fellow, science writer, space consultant for ABC News and former NASA engineer provides his commentary on last nights (Shown 24th May and 31st May 1999 in UK) TNT special "SECRET KGB UFO FILES".

### James Oberg :

The TNT Special on "Secret KGB UFO Files" last night didn't make reference to any of the classic space and missile "pseudo-UFOs" for which Western UFOlogists still endorse the old Soviet government cover-ups and camouflages about. So it wasn't very related to "space activity".

Except - one sequence of scenes purporting to be "Declassified Soviet top secret footage" of their rocket tests, which actually showed NASA Space Shuttle SRB re-qualification test footage from 1987-8 (you can see the SRB in its horizontal test position during the test firing). This misrepresentation seemed typical of the rest of the show, which also kept promoting the 1908 Tunguska explosion as "the Russian Roswell" and presenting it as an unsolved mystery. Also, twice some Russians described how some recovered crashed UFO debris had been sent "to the base in Mytishch," directly referring to the organisation now known at the "Energiya Rocket and Space Corporation" (the small north Moscow suburbs of Mytishchi and Podlipki became "Kaliningrad," no the city of "Korolev"). If the nearly bankrupt Energiya management had UFO samples available, their financial situation would look a WHOLE lot different than it does now! Cautious scepticism are especially called for when you read the "fine print" disclaimers. At the beginning of the show a big message flashed up : "What you are about to see may or may not be true." And at the end, two screens full of warning messages were even more to the point. One paragraph read : "The Producers disclaim and do not guarantee the accuracy or truthfulness [of] any of the documentation or materials that have been provided by any source... The material and opinion presented on this program including documents, film, photo, or video footage come from the sources and are not the responsibility of the Producers.. This production is produced solely for entertainment purposes only and no other use is authorised."

They couldn't have been more explicit in their announcement that the whole series of episodes about the recovery of a crashed flying saucer in 1969 near Sverdlovsk, and a subsequent autopsy (following which three of the four medical workers die the same day from "cerebral haemorrhages") was a made-up story with posed footage (as with the infamous Roswell autopsy, these scenes involved motion picture film but never shown any still photographers getting high-quality imagery), "hidden camera" views of the purchase of top-secret confirmatory documents (\$10,000 cash changing hands), and a string of sincere but typical self-deluded Russian UFOlogists to vouch for the story.



The American sources, with shaded faces and computer-altered voices, were also amusing, especially a guy who claimed to have gone to work for the CIA in 1989 "straight out of college" and was immediately assigned to infiltrate the Russian UFO study team. Sadder was the view of a sincere ex-NASA scientist named Richard Haines who claimed he possessed "verified documents from Stalin's time" that showed Soviet interest in the 1947 "Roswell crashed saucer" - alleged documents which he has never published and which were not shown on this program.

For entertainment purposes, including Roger Moore's narration, this is a strong "B" production. For authenticity and newsworthiness, the warning from the producers themselves should be trusted, and it rates an "F".

### **SOVIET SAUCERS (APRIL 1994)** **BY JAMES OBERG.**

Day after day, the waves of UFOs returned to southern Russia. Cossacks on horseback saw them high in the evening sky. Pilots aboard commercial airliners and military interceptors chased and dodged them. Astronomers at observatories in the Caucasus Mountains noted their crescent shape and their fiery companions.

It was the fall of 1967, and the Soviet Union was in the grip of its first major UFO flap. The extraordinary tales, described on Soviet television, reported in Soviet newspapers, and analysed in a private nation-wide UFO study group soon took on a life of their own.

In one detailed account, an airliner crew from Voroshilovgrad to Volgograd, flight 104, insisted that a UFO had hovered and then manoeuvred around their plane. According to Soviet UFO enthusiast Felix Zigel, who compiled such accounts, the plane's engine's died and did not start up again until after the UFO had disappeared, when the aircraft was only a half mile high in the air.

These tales and others were repeated in Western UFO books and presented as important evidence at UFO hearings in the United States Congress and in Britain's House of Lords. Then, as suddenly as it had started, the wave of Russian UFO sightings ceased. Private UFO groups were banned by the Soviet government, and the subject was dropped from the controlled media even as it spread wildly in the samizdat, the underground Russian press.

But the phenomenon was not forgotten. Years later, astronomer Lev Gindilis and a team of investigators from the Academy of Sciences in Moscow assessed Zigel's UFO files, analysing statistics from what they said was "the repetitive motion" of the objects Zigel described. In 1979, the "Gindilis Report" was released and distributed around the world. It concluded that no known natural or manmade stimulus could account for these "anomalous atmospheric phenomena." Something truly extraordinary and truly alien must have occurred.

But it was too good to be true. Like many other official Soviet government reports, the Gindilid Report turned out to be counterfeit science. In effect, and probably in intent, it served to cover up one of Moscow's greatest secrets, an illegal space-to-earth nuclear weapon.

What the witnesses really saw back in those exciting days in 1967 were space vehicles all right, but not from some distant, alien world. They were Russian missile warheads, placed in low orbit under false registration names and then diverted back toward the planet's surface after one circuit of the globe. As they fireballed down toward a target zone near the lower Volga River, they seared their way into the imaginations of started witnesses for hundreds of miles in all directions.

Of course, U.S. intelligence agencies had also been watching the tests, and they weren't fooled by the UFO smokescreen. Pentagon experts soon dubbed this fearsome new weapon a "fractional orbit bombardment system," or FOBS. Government spokespeople in Washington denounced it as a first-strike weapon designed to evade defensive radar. Since Moscow had recently signed a solemn international treaty forbidding the orbiting of nuclear weapons, the existence of this weapon (whose tests alone did not violate the treaty) was a glaring advertisement of concept. So when Russian UFO witnesses concluded that they had been seeing alien spaceships instead of treaty-busting weapons teats, Soviet military officials were all too willing to permit illusion to prosper.

Twenty-five years later, with the FOBS rockets long since scrapped and the Soviet regime itself on the scrap heap of history, the

now-purposeless deception has maintained a zombie-like life of its own. Russian UFO literature continues to issue ever more glorious accounts of the 1967 "crescent spaceships."

Mainstream Russian magazines, newspapers, and even museum exhibits contain fanciful drawings of such shapes. Zigel himself is revered as "the father of Soviet UFOlogy," an icon of reliability and authenticity.

But Zigel's and Gindilis's crescent craft are just one example of the ridiculous notions and outrageous fictions Russian UFOlogy has spawned. In 1977, for instance, Tass, the official Russian news agency, carried a dispatch from the Northwest Russian port city of Petrozavodsk titled "Strange Natural Phenomenon over Karelia." Wrote local correspondent Nikolay Milov, "On September 20 at about 0400 a huge star suddenly flared up in the dark sky, impulsively sending shafts of light to the earth. This star moved slowly toward Petrozavodsk and, spreading out over it in the form of a jellyfish, hung there, showering the city with a multitude of very fine rays which created an image of pouring rain."

The "visitation" unleashed a torrent of rumours. People later reported awakened from deep sleep by telepathic messages. Tiny holes were reportedly seen in windows and paving stones. Cars were said to have stalled and computers to have crashed, and witnesses smelled ozone.

Soviet UFO enthusiasts rushed to embrace the case. "As far as I am concerned," claimed science-fiction author Aleksandr Kazantsev, "it was a spaceship from outer space, carrying out reconnaissance." According to Dr. Vladimir Azhazha, "In my opinion, what was seen over Petrozavodsk was either a UFO, a carrier of high intelligence with crew and passengers, or it was a field energy created by such a UFO." Zigel, the dean of Soviet UFOlogists, agreed it was a true UFO: "Without a doubt - it had all the features."

Sadly, the cause of all this mindless panic was a routine rocket launching from the super secret military space centre at Plesetsk in Northwest Russia. The multiengined booster's contrails, backlit by the dawn sun, seemed to split into multiple glowing tentacles.

In 1981, a midnight rocket launch from Plesetsk lit up the skies over Moscow itself and sent the capital city's residents into a blitz of unconstrained creativity. UFO expert Sergey Bozhich's notebooks contain reports of numerous "independent" UFO encounters during this ordinary launching. "Pilots of six civil aircraft reported either a UFO in flight or a

UFO [attacking] their aircraft," he wrote. "At 1:30 a UFO attacked a truck along the Ryazan Avenue in Moscow." One witness even reported waking from a deep sleep to see a "scout ship" with a glass cupola and small alien pilot cruising down his street.

The pattern is clear. Time and again, secret launchings of Russian rockets have unleashed avalanches of classic UFO perceptions from the imaginative, excitable witnesses and their careless interviewers. And consistent with its origins, Russian UFO literature is still characterised by fantastic tales and an utter lack of research into possible explanations. "I have no doubts" is the most common figure of speech in the lexicon of UFOlogists, and they are doubtlessly sincere, if arguably deluded. "Are UFOs real?" one was asked not long ago by American documentary filmmaker Bryan Gresh. "My colleagues and I don't even think that's a question," he responded. "Of course they are real!"

This sort of quasi-religious fervour just helps to fuel the scepticism of the cautious observer. After all, if Russian UFOlogists cannot or will not recognise the prosaic stimulus behind these phoney crescent UFOs of 1967 and the UFO "jellyfish" of 1977, they may be incapable of solving any of the other hundreds of ordinary (if rare) causes that account for at least 90 % (if not 100 %) of all UFO perceptions. Dozens of major stimuli, and hundreds of minor ones, are constantly giving rise to counterfeit UFO perceptions around the world. Filtering out the residue of true UFOs from the pseudo UFOs poses enormous challenges for investigators. Most Russian UFOlogists appear unwilling to face this challenge.

And the writings of prominent Russian UFO experts give ample ground for more anxiety. Vladimir Azhazha, probably the leading Russian UFO expert of the 1990s, is an undeniable enthusiasts of UFO miracle stories. Some years ago, his favourite Western UFO story involved a UFO attack on the Apollo 13 space capsule, which he "disclosed" was carrying a secret atomic bomb to create seismic waves on the moon.

But it was carrying no such thing. The April



1970 explosion, which disabled the craft and threatened the lives of the three astronauts, was caused by a hardware malfunction. When challenged recently by UFOlogist Antonio Huneus, Azhazha made a candid admission : "When I gave the lecture, I was a teenager in UFOlogy and was intoxicated by the E.T. hypothesis and did not recognise anything else. I would retell with pleasure everything I read."

Supposedly reformed, Azhazha then published a new book with a glorious new Apollo-astronaut UFO story based this time on forged photographs published in American tabloid newspapers. The pictures show contrast-enhanced fuzzballs, photographic images that had been sharpened in the photo lab. A fabricated "radio conversation" in which the astronauts exclaim surprise at seeing alien spaceships in a crater near their landing site later appeared in another tabloid ; it was patently bogus, too, based on grossly misused space jargon. The story was long ago abandoned by reputable Western UFOlogists, but Azhazha still loves it and presents it as true.

At a UFO conference in Albuquerque in 1992, Azhazha told astonished Western colleagues that he had proof that 5,000 Russians had been abducted by UFOs and never returned to Earth. When asked to defend this number, he disclosed that he took the reported number of ordinary "missing persons" in the entire Soviet Union, plotted the regions over which major UFO activity had been reported, and then allocated those population proportions of "missing" to the UFOs. It was simple, sincere, and senseless, but the embarrassed American hosts (who had paid his travel expenses) couldn't disagree too publicly lest their waste of money be obvious.

Russian UFOlogists claim to be careful. Azhazha himself has written : "Nothing on faith ! One must check, check and eleven times check in order to find an error !" But he doesn't seem to know how, and neither do any of his colleagues. While their sincerity and enthusiasm are not in doubt, their judgement, balance, and accuracy should be.

Why are people like Azhazha the best that Russia can offer ? Russians are heirs to a great, creative civilisation, but they are also emerging from a social era that has had profound effects on their habits of thought. Today's Russians have lived in a reality-deprived and judgement-atrophied culture for generations. Once they were sufficiently brain numbed by a repressive communist regime to accept any and all propagandistic idiocies fed to them, they

were intellectually defenceless against infections of other brain bunk as well.

UFO enthusiasm prospers in this nurturing environment. And it's not just UFO sightings that get conjured up by this fuzzy thinking. Historical figures, preferably dead ones who cannot disagree, are now constantly being portrayed as "secret UFO believers".

For example, in 1993, a slick new UFO magazine called AURA-Z appeared in Moscow. Continuing the trend of trying now-dead space heroes to UFO studies, the magazine featured two separate interviews with contemporary experts concerning the role played by Sergey Korolev, the founder of the Soviet missile and space programs. It didn't bother the magazine at all that the two stories were utterly inconsistent.

In one article, rocket expert Valery Burdakvo presented a detailed account of how back in 1947 Stalin had ordered Korolev to assess Soviet intelligence reports on the Roswell, New Mexico, UFO crash. Korolev had reported back that the UFOs were real but not dangerous, the article "revealed." Yet just seven pages earlier, another expert named Lev Chulkov had written : "As early as the beginning of the 1950's, Stalin ordered Korolev to study the phenomenon of UFOs, but Korolev managed to avoid fulfilling this task". Of course, both claims can't be true. Besides, Korolev was a recently rehabilitated political prisoner in 1947 and was thus hardly the type of trusted expert that Stalin would have consulted.

Behind all such distracting noise, the UFO problem remains a fascinating and elusive puzzle, worthy of serious research. But weeding out true UFO's from the overwhelming mass of "IFOs," or identified flying objects, is a difficult, time-consuming task, as Western UFOlogists have learned in the past half century. Their new Russian colleagues so far show no indication that they have even begun.

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"I haven't seen too much effort at that job," admits Antonio Huneus, one of the West's most perceptive pro-UFO observers of Russian UFOlogy.

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### **Late newsletter...**

**I must apologise for the newsletter being somewhat late this time, only the editor has been rather unwell over the past few months and has been unable to keep up with publication dates and one thing or another. I am trying my hardest to get the newsletter back on track and I apologise for any inconvenience this may cause the reader.**

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**The Sunday Times 23.5.99..****CROP CIRCLES..**

“Scully ? It’s me, Mulder.” “Do you know what time its is ? Where are you ?”

“You’re not gonna believe this, but I’m in Wiltshire, England, standing in the middle of incontrovertible evidence that there is extraterrestrial life out there. This is just incredible : great geometric patterns of flattened corn that can be seen properly only from the air. What’s more, some bear a remarkable resemblance to ancient Celtic wheels.”

“Mulder, let me get this straight. You are talking about crop circles, right ?”

“Hey, how did you guess ?”

“Are you kidding me ?”

“No listen, Scully, we are on the verge of a real breakthrough here. What’s more, we’ve got Rockerfeller involved.”

“Nelson Rockerfeller ? The former vice-president of the United States ?”

“Well, not exactly, it’s his 89-year-old brother, Laurance. He’s going to fund a high-profile investigation using a team of researchers, seven mainframe computers and regular reconnaissance flights”.

“Who’s in charge of this ?”

“It’s a really clued-up guy with great local knowledge. He used to be an an engineer for the borough council in somewhere called the Test Valley, Hampshire.”

“Right. And he knows everything. He’s been on the case for over 10 years and has a database of more than 10,000 crop circles..”

“All of which he’s convinced are genuine ?”

“Well, not all exactly. Some may be fakes.”

“How many ?”

“Well, 80%. But the other 20% are inexplicable. This is a big chance to get to the bottom of something here.”

“Like Mr Rockerfeller's pockets.”

“Hey, come on, Scully. You’re familiar with the theories about these things. Even if they are not landing sites for UFOs then they could be produced by electromagnetism, unstable ion vortexes or micro-tornadoes, forces of nature about which we know next to nothing....”

“... like crazed rutting hedgehogs running in circles. Mulder, there are three theories about these things. One is that they are produced by extraterrestrials who went to art school, the other is that they are some improbably artificial looking natural phenomenon, and the third is that they were produced by a few pranksters with garden rollers. What do you think ? No, on second thoughts, don’t answer that.”

“You know what I believe . It’s the killing that worries me.”

“The killing ?” “Yeah. That’s what the local farmers are making, charging me and other respectable paranormal investigators £1 a time just to get into their goddam fields.”

“Mulder, I think it’s time you had a holiday.

“Apart from everything else, two old men over in Wiltshire have already confessed to starting all this 20 years ago. They said they did it after the pub, with planks and string, using a baseball cap with a hole in the peak to keep their lines straight.”

“Listen, Scully, those guys were obviously part of the cover-up. I suspect a gigantic government conspiracy at work. The truth is out there.”

## **The Sunday Times 25.4.99** **NASA designs flying saucer...**

IT LOOKS like something out of a 1950s science fiction film - Nasa is building a flying saucer.

The agency is experimenting with the design because the saucer shape has obvious aerodynamic benefits. Tests on a tiny craft that weighs just 25g have been successful and wind-tunnel tests on a larger prototype are taking place. The envisaged test spaceship would measure 16ft across and carry four people.

Nasa is working on the principle that craft that are at home in space as in our own atmosphere will need a helping hand before getting beyond the pull of gravity. Rather than rely on tanks of rocket fuel, the agency is exploring means of transmitting power to ships from the ground to reduce weight - hence a saucer-shaped craft propelled into space by a laser beam.

The concept is not a radical as it sounds. It had been mooted as a means of launching satellites several years before Professor Leik Myrabo of the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in New York State began toying with the notion in the 1970s. He has since proved the concept and is working on a prototype flying saucer for Nasa and the US Air Force.

In practice this will mean a spaceship guided from Earth by a powerful laser. When the craft reaches the edge of the atmosphere, and the lifting power of the laser dwindles the energy source will be used to heat an on-board store of hydrogen fuel. It is expected that by the time the laser makes the switch from acting as a propellant to heating the hydrogen, the ship will be on the brink of the atmosphere, travelling more than five times the speed of sound.

The on-board fuel source would then be used to enter space. It would not need to carry huge fuel tanks filled with liquid oxygen simply to break free of gravitational pull.

The shape of the prototype craft has a "shroud" around its lower side that focuses the laser light on a point on the underside of the saucer. This superheats and combusts the air there, making it act as a jet exhaust that propels the craft into space.

Tests have so far been encouraging. Myrabo has managed to propel his tiny prototype to almost 100ft. A more powerful laser is to be built to expand the test. he surmises that a 1 gigawatt laser would be needed to get a full-size craft into space.

Wind-tunnel tests on a scale model of the 16ft-wide craft have started and further experiments of the laser-based propulsion system are due to take place later this year. A final craft is not expected to be rolled out for several years.

After meeting with other aeronautical engineers, Myrabo is predicting a second, even more futuristic saucer design. It could be equipped with microwave receivers so that power could be transmitted to the craft from an orbiting satellite when it is in space.

The ambitious project would require a satellite to capture solar energy and turn it into a microwave beam that would be beamed to the flying saucer. As with the ground-based laser system, reflectors on the craft would focus the microwaves on the side of the craft opposite to the intended direction of travel. The system could be beamed down to Earth to help launch the craft.

"The system would require a fully mature infrastructure to support these vehicles, but it could bring about an era of airline-like space travel on highways of light."

A project involving flying saucers is bound to create controversy among the conspiracy theorists who claim that the American government is basing future spacecraft design on captured alien flying saucers. However, Nasa dismiss such talk. It says : "It's wrong to liken these designs to UFOs because these are certainly identifiable."

### **Conference '99 a full report**

**The next edition will see a full report on conference '99 with views of group members who are sending me their thoughts and ideas of the day.**

**The report paints a bleak view of things, but, as the Phoenix rises from the ashes, all I am going to say at this precise moment is although we covered all expenses, the group lost £ 150.00 of our own group funds. Need I say more !!!**



**SUFOG AGM 5th September 1999..**

As ever, SUFOG group members lived up to their reputation, and this was no exception. We had the ideal venue, private, warm, cosy.. Our own bar and a very quiet, relaxed atmosphere. And guess what.. Yep, only the trusty people turned up yet again, ME, BILL SMITH and his WIFE, and STEVE RIDER.. Yep, that's right... 4 of us... This was your chance to have a get together and air your views.. The AGM was advertised in at least 2 editions of the newsletter and so everyone was fully aware of it in the SUFOG diary pages. If the conference is not a success and I will know by the time this newsletter is published, then the following will happen.. :

1. The Southampton UFO Group will fold as a group.
2. Meetings will only be held at my address and those 'invited few' will only come to meetings.
3. All membership cards will become invalid as from the point I decide to wrap the group up.
4. The price of the newsletter will rise from £5 to £7 per year as over the years, I have subsidised it and it is about time the members should pay the full price and not for it come out of my pockets.
5. There will be no more invited speakers and the Sunday afternoon group lectures will / are likely to cease.
6. I will continue with skywatches, but again, only those invited group contacts will be asked along, i.e Bill Smith, Steve Rider, Andy Phillips, Ernie Sears, Tom Trubridge and myself.
7. Finally, the Southampton UFO Group will only continue in name only and will not organise and outside events, trips etc.. Again, only the very few that have given physical support to the group will be actively involved.

I am totally p\*\*\*\*d off with the total lack of support that not only I get, but also the group gets. I have put an awful lot of my own personal time and money into the group over the past several years and what have I / we got to show for it !!!! ... Nothing.. So, it is about time I threw the towel in and I feel that the conference is the thing that will finally break the camels back.. As of the 23rd September, we had sold 23 tickets.. !! We needed to sell 80 + by the 15th October... !!! only another 57 tickets to go.. Somehow, I don't think we are going to make it (and we didn't !!!!!!)

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**SEARS ESQ.**

A pleasing increase this time although the periodical "expert explanations" of UFO's produced a lot of unintentional howls of laughter ! Here goes :

**DAILY TELEGRAPH** of the 6th August carried a small item with a French source to the effect that a committee of retired generals and civil servants urged French defence authorities to modify its policies to deal with the threat of aliens from outer space ! Their ninety page report was produced 'earlier this year' !

**DAILY EXPRESS** 18th August, science editor Roger Highfield said more than a million people in 223 countries had signed up via their computers to search for intelligent life in the Universe ! Using a SETI home screen saver that picks up radio telescope data from Puerto Rico when the computer is idle. So far no "alien signatures" have been detected ! 'Course not.. "THEY" are beyond such technicalities, using "mind" ? Still, try.....

<http://setiathome.ssl.berkeley.edu/> .. who knows ?

**DAILY EXPRESS** 20th August and courtesy of our editor Steve who now has the magic of the Internet at his trembling and flying fingertips, had a nice piece by Nick Redfern of Covert Agenda, Cosmic Crashes, The FBI Files etc, as an Express FEATURE.. concerned the release that same week of the CIA report on the organisations UFO investigations dating from the early fifties and which sought to deny once and for all any vast conspiracy

by the CIA. Natch.. or was it intentional ?.. the reports contents did just the opposite ! As Redfern says, distrust of our Government (USA) and the appeal of knowing 'we are not alone' negates all such explanations and denials. Former USA President and director of the CIA in 1976 George Bush said in a cagey interview by one of his campaign managers 'you don't know the half of it' !

**DAILY TELEGRAPH** of the 28th August.. again, courtesy of Steve and the Internet above... headlined Peter Gersten, lawyer and director of Citizens Against UFO Secrecy.. nicely shortened to CAUSE !... who had launched a lawsuit against the United States Government for its refusal to hand over secret documents on UFO's being a violation of his constitutional rights. Specifically those massive triangular craft seen over Arizona and New Mexico in recent years. Mr. Gersten, it says, believes that ET's are trying to contact us through crop circles ! which, if remotely true, puts the UK in the front line... even if "genuine" formations are out numbered, methinks, by the look-a-like Doug and Dave hoaxers efforts, some of whom we know, even flew to New Zealand to perpetrate hoax formations...paid for by a National Newspaper ? Sheer desperation by someone ? Those of us who have been involved in the enigma of UFO's etc for years can easily come up with the FACTS that demolish "official" explanations totally.

**DAILY TELEGRAPH** ... again !... ran an item, 1/9/99, on the danger of hackers, with one of some 655 such, the son of a fraud detective, to boot, infiltrating top secret American military computers... 'acting in the interests of the public' ! He reported seeing US Air Force files relating to anti gravity machines and UFO's which he thought 'in the interests of the public to disclose'. Disagreeing.. they would !.. called d him 'the greatest threat to world peace since Adolf Hitler'. He was arrested but walked free since the case would have been lengthy and expensive !

**DAILY TELEGRAPH**.. again !... said, Europe biggest UFO Conference was taking place at Leeds University mid-September 99 with Dr. Roger Leir featuring implants he has surgically removed, among other speakers.

**THE DAILY MAIL** did a full page feature, 15th September, on the British association promoting Science and Technology, with clever clogs Dr Jacqueline Mitton, 'UFO expert at the Royal Astronomical Society' (!) asserting, at the Sheffield scientific festival, that Kenneth Arnold had 'likely seen a flock of high flying geese' instead of the "flying saucers" that began the modern age of UFO's in 1947 ! Most UFO sightings were due to such misidentifications, she went on to say. I got a letter off straight away to the Mail on the FACTS that said "geese" were travelling well in excess of 1,000 mph for one thing, and that Arnold had already said he had seen geese in formation many times and these were NOT !

Dr. Mitton went on to say that there was 'no



evidence from the last 50 years that aliens had visited earth although life was, or is, scattered in the universe so much we will not necessarily run into it'. he gave us a list the of ten most common misidentifications of UFO's and the MAIL had a super illustration of that good old standby the lenticular cloud which

DR. Mitton said was one such mistaken UFO ! Oh, dear ! Does she really believe those of having close encounters over the years are nuts ? Needless to say, my letter to the MAIL touched on all this ! The Mail article also had a photo of a pair of geese !

**THE DAILY MAIL**.. bless 'em !.. had a simply brilliant cartoon the next day, the 16th Sept, by cartoonist of the year, "MAC"... no doubt our editor and group leader will feature it !... showing a two man Adamski type spacecraft (standard !) lifting a bag laden lady shopper over rooftops far below with a grab arm, while her husband shouted to her not to panic, Doris, 'UFO scientists say it's just something called a lenticular cloud' ! Absolutely brilliant as I said ! My letter to the Mail didn't see daylight but the paper had some good follow-ups.

**THE DAILY MAIL** for the 17th Sept featured a good hard hitting letter ... 'geese explanation an insult to our intelligence'... and 'why do some scientists seem compelled to regard the public as idiots' ? etc. Richard Sheppard of Mapperley, Notts, went on to really stand up for us who are aware of the TRUTH OUT THERE !

**THE DAILY MAIL** of the 21st Sept again took up the subject with a "for or against" panel on the Letters page... two "fors" included one from Dennis Plunkett of the Bristol based British Flying Saucer Bureau... which I belonged to in the sixties !... he bashed that hoary old "secret weapon" assertion to bits in a few well chosen words and Dr Mitton's explanation with it. While Darren Badrock of West Yorkshire quoted the trained pilots who tried to intercept craft 'performing far beyond' anything we have. "Against" had R. Canning of London with 'no solid evidence for the existence of life forms, basic to most advanced, anywhere in the whole vast Universe except on planet Earth ! Followed by 'conjecture, wishful thinking', etc. etc. ! the writer went on to say all that would not deter the enthusiasts" ! Bloody hell.. we are WITNESSES in our thousands, contactees, percipients, for god's sake ! And we are, apparently, multiplying !

**THE DAILY MAIL** kept up the subject in the 28th September issue with another "For or Against"

panel.. A.Hathaway of East Grinstead, Sussex chastised Dr. Jacqueline Mitton's "expert" items as a standard response of the scientific community and pointed out the thousands of UFO reports every year 'many of which defy logical explanation and 'History tells us that those who thought they knew everything knew nothing'. While in the "against" side Peter Reynolds of Penarth came up with that hoary old interstellar speed of travel theory of 45,000 years to reach the nearest star outside our solar system if it took the Mars Pathfinder going at 60,000 MPH to get there. For beings intelligent enough to get here just to draw crop circles, he says, is absolutely pointless ! AAHH ! I dared to mention inter-dimensional travel to multi-universes as postulated by modern quantum physics in my reply which may or may not reach print even at the speed of light !

**THE SUNDAY TELEGRAPH** Family Finance Section (yeah !) for 3rd October was saved from the rubbish bin with it's headline 'The Information Revolution' on it's full front page coupled with a photo of home Secretary Jack Straw. Odd place you might think for UFO's ? Not so ! That Freedom of Information Act.. so called.. came in for a hammering.. quote : 'Straw and the Home Office seem hell bent on slamming the door on public access to information'.. since it also confirms that the Act will withhold information 'that can damage commercial and Government interests' and further : 'will have no duty to release information that may be in the public interest'. No surprise, eh ? Another quote to make you THINK concludes the article : 'This Bill will give people even less right to access information than they have now'. Write, as I do, and will, to your MP, newspapers, etc ! What America has rights to we are not going to have... ever ! Unless...

Alright... that could well be the entire collection this issue... but of course you never know what is around the corner ! Watch this space !....



**MAGAZINE REVIEWS**  
**BY ERNIE SEARS.**

**UFO MAGAZINE**, Sept/Oct issue, needs no excuse for heading the reviews this issue... graham Birdsall's superb product surely must have reached new heights... his Editorial hits where it matters and leaves one ready for whatever is in the offing... and every word is true. You feel as if he is tapping into the collective and individual mind ! Post eclipse euphoria sets in as such cosmic events give way to the general public returning to more pressing problems. Apathy reigns towards whatever is "out there"... its the Eastenders and Coronation Street episodes that occupy the mind along with the National Lottery and such ! Graham doesn't say that in particular but good on yer, mate ! His 83 page glossy leads the way. Those TV objects on space not just "ice crystals"... so what is NASA hiding ? was that Moon landing a studio job ? Astronauts tell of ET in detail.. already here.. that fantastic French UFO study, leading officials step out into the open... Cumbria's answer to Dana Scully !... interview with B2 pilot on past and future technologies... Howardgate update leaves us puzzled.. secret of Fatima revealed at last ?... and much, oh, MUCH more ! if you didn't get it, order it.. from Lloyds Bank Chambers, West Street, Ilkley, West

Yorkshire, LS29 9DW... £13.50 for six issues.

**APRA** bulletin for September '99 is pocket sized but very well produced.. and its 19 pages, free of charge to 'interested parties' as it calls us !... contains signposts as to the path we should be taking by now. James Hill and Brian James coverage of SUFOGs Avebury weekend accurate. Leaves one sorry you maybe didn't join us, reader ! that 100 per cent genuine UFO craft lit up like a Christmas Tree decoration left us all fulfilled... the first time James has seen a 'true UFO on a skywatch'... and I was glad to know that Brian was trying to "communicate" his "contacts" and recognised my own attempts.. mine was successful since my forecast to Steve G. came true, asking for the others to have this experience since my own run into double figures ! Interesting to see that the APRA article showed how witnesses can "see" UFO's differently to fellow watchers... my down to earth idea is that our eyesight differs according to age etc but then I could be wrong and the psychic side pitches in ! That 1967 Bicester crash updated.. could it have been a target drone ? If so, why is the site still fenced off 32 years later ? Impressive 1999 crop circle photo Gallery and review of same. Brian James tried to Remote Viewing and / or astral travel view of that eclipse but 'got my co-ordinates wrong' he says ! Sigh of relief that those end of the world predictions didn't happen.. or did it ? Thoughtful item by Jim Rayner on "reality" and the undoubted change of things which many of us are experiencing. That **WORLD-WIDE WEB** gets a look in... and the astronomical peek at the night sky is a regular and useful item for sorting out what is and what isn't ! Having met Brian and James at that memorable Avebury watch weekend I appreciate them more as being on my kind of path which is why the APRA magazine is of interest to many of us. Try that free offer on c/o Po Box 135, Didcot, OX11 9YA.. you won't be disappointed.

**NORTHERN UFO NEWS (NUFON)** comes from the ready if delayed pen of long-time UFO investigator / author / broadcaster etc. etc. etc. Jenny Randles... I should broaden that in case I get a gentle rocket !.. **PARANORMALIST**... and is well worth waiting for... and one does wait !... JR's **COMMENT** is very intriguing being headed 'The Changing Face of British UFOlogy'... mention of the 'hard core (small but vital) that care passionately to want to do something, to see the reality of UFO's by science and actual progress to be made'. Here here goes up the resounding cry ! Certainly "communication" is moving ahead at almost incredible speed which must be a tool we can use ? Something 'new', says Jenny, is driving UFOlogy ahead towards extremes of greater objectivity'.. aha, my dear, 'tis those pesky critters we have christened aliens for want of a better understandable description ! awareness is growing like mad ! Inner beings are being allowed and encouraged to be used at last. not sure about her new book... "UFO's THAT NEVER WERE"



explains it succinctly. Get rid of sensationalism it says. OK.. but many people are attracted to genuine UFOlogical study by "commercialised" products, media, etc... as Jenny's suggestion of a web based UFOnet... primarily attracting 'teenagers excited by the X - Files'. UFOlogists that write a book to donate a percentage to a fund... huh ! My own book, written and revised over some 12 years or more, is on it's synopsis was back from a fourth publisher ! Who tell me that basically that book market place (i.e. : shops) aren't stocking up on the subject ! Ah well ! American TV has some interesting looking material planned or now showing says Jenny. Spielberg has a mini series "Taken", a fictional contact story dating from Roswell.. and again, a sci-fi series called "Roswell High" that has "Riker" from Star Trek.. and John Keel's classic "The Mothman Prophecies" makes it to the big screen mid or late 2000. There will be those who all this will be new to ! Maybe not "Roswell" since that is now written in the cult history books ! It will NOT GO AWAY ! Seems the X Factor magazine is still going strong on bookstalls.. must look out for it.. and a new one, "Beyond", looks very attractive. Book reviews, group listings, investigations of latest sightings, and more, fill the rest of this "must have" pocket sized mag. Try 1, Halstead Close, Dove Holes, Buxton, High Peak, Derbyshire, SK17 8BS, £6 for 6 issues.

**OVNI** ... two of 'em to hand... Omar Fowler's 14 pager... with their bright yellow illustrated cover, is always interesting, the July / August issue tries to frighten us with those Comet Lee close encounters as predicted by Nostradamus beginning in mid August and on though early 2000. Cripes ! Scientists say it's path is unpredictable.. at the least, it will cause earthquakes (gulp !), hurricane-like weather (yuck !), solar flares (already !).. they also say ultra tight security since the military side of NASA is running this one ! More on those triangles.. reports ... official reports... etc. etc. etc... copies of the mag. £2 bi-monthly from 94 the Circle, Sinfin, Derby, DE24 9H.

**THE AUSTRALIAN UFO BULLETIN** is the excellently produced and very interesting September issue of V.U.F.O.R.S, the Victorian UFO Research Society. President Judith Magee. This one always reminds me of the world-wide enigma ongoing.. we are definitely not alone ! The Editorial says an 'extensive number of UFO reports' covered all directions this summer but NONE were tracked going in 'normal' trajectories for Earth junk or

satellite's etc. Details follow from Paul Norman in his article. Contents of the mag. include a 'no doubts' belief of astronaut Edgar Mitchell on alien visitations... 'secret files' about Roswell he has seen... the truth within 3 or 4 years he reckons ! Triangle sightings reports.

Australian police officer reports three "orbs" in formation while on a Scottish Holiday February '99... South African pilot reports "light streak"... report on Flowchart 2 Stealth Target Drone, 'little triangle'. So hardly fits those theories we often see... "triangles" go back to the early seventies at least so where has the technology gone too then after all those years ? try Victorian UFO Research Society at Po Box 1043, Moorabbin, Victoria 3189, Australia, for membership details etc.

**TEMS NEWS** for July '99 is a rather unique but interesting 8 pager. It's "seahenge" nicely done cover illustration gives you the idea of it's versatility.. with the well known Lionel Beer as Editor this explains it.. Lionel and I go back to BUFORA days in the seventies when I was temporarily some sort of short lived Press Officer, Public Relations or some such... mysterious goings on then which led to my losing the job after radio etc. broadcasts and media articles ! There are connections by TEMS to ASSAP it seems to... another organisation I got interested in those late seventies via Psychic News when I sent them physical proof of a poltergeistic incident I was present at. ASSAP researches just about everything paranormal ! Excellent illustrations, ditto articles, news cuttings, etc. on UFO's, Crop Circles, other magazines, etc. etc. make this worth the 60p per issue from TEMS, 115 Hollybush Lane, Hampton, Middlesex, TW12 2QY, or e.mail mickjones@vix.co.uk (what happened to July, August, September issues Steve ?).

**ABDUCTION WATCH 19/20 July 1999..** and Oh, GAWD, it's arch sceptic Kevin McClure coming out of the woodwork again just when I thought that MIR satellite had got him picked off ! What can one say with a guy who seems dedicated to denying that UFOs... OK ... CRAFT... exist at all and therefore, ergo, abductees are all misguided liars or worse ! Doesn't help any of us Kev but as I

once said to him we don't CARE ! Most of us have come to terms with it all in our way and our own time... and go back many years before abductions or UFO's etc. were even thought of let alone mentioned. Mind you, lots of what Kevin writes on that Jewish holocaust etc. etc. are logical and true... but please don't tie it up with the UFO enigma. His probably libellous comments on Mack, Strieber, Hopkins, Linda Moulton Howe, et al, are probably best ignored by them as not being worth the bother... and frankly, that's how I feel too after reading Kevin's rantings in most of his writings. So.. please choose for yourself.. subs.. which have now gone up.. 12 issues costs £10, so rush.. in future £5 UK for 10. Contact Kevin at 3 Claremont Grove, Leeds, LS3 1AX.

**AWARENESS** is the Journal of the Contact International UFO Research organisation up in Oxfordshire.. a compact and smartly produced mag. that covers much of interest. Up to date visit to the Public Records Office reveals at least one sighting by radar operators (1968) that is undeniably a UFO... whatever that might mean ! Turkish UFO Conference February '99 attracted 2,200 with a star studded list of speakers ! So where are we going wrong here ? That Gulf War Syndrome. Sighting reports. 20th Year of Crop Circles report mentions 'mind blowing' collection upcoming for July / August issue. Also that infamous "Countryfile" BBC TV fiasco. Plus country folk and farmers regard it all as vandalism... but surviving "hoaxer" Doug Bower remains unrepentant and apparently uncharged with the crimes he carried out ! Why ? Book reviews by Malcolm Robinson of SPI... surely we can pre-date those early "own technology" predominantly experimental craft claimed by author Tim Matthews in his book UFO revelations ? which I have thoroughly read and found unconvincing. I mean, why did we... and still do... send up interceptors to strange objects displaying incredible technology... in my own experience, let alone others ? Thirty nine years ago ! All in all, a good magazine, from Po Box 23, Wheatley, Oxon, OX33 1FL.. £9 for 4, £14 for 8.

**COMMENTARY NO.10** a 10 page newsletter type publication I have not seen before.. American based... detailed, speculative and confirmatory amid mass of facts and figures that would floor Kevin McClure... see earlier ! UFOs and aliens, birds, bees, baboons, angelic phenomena, subatomic, molecules, God, Jesus, 50 million years old artefact, Roswell, MJ12, etc. etc. etc... I personally like that brief statement : 'The modern UFO / Alien

phenomenon is very strange and complex, but it is real nonetheless. The subject mentioned.. and there are even more that herein... are brief but sensible. No price but looks to be a copyright publication... strictly printed words and no illustrations... from John Paul Oswald, Po Box 652, Hampton, NH, 03843-0652, United States.. no harm in writing ?

**SKYWATCHERS...** The Cornwall UFO Research Group or CUFORG for short... issue 25, Summer '99... nicely printed and produced.. subjects include "Alien Abduction" by Alan Jones whose picture looks just like Acker Bilk, oddly ! an article on mind control, drugs, the Rev. Jim Jones mass suicide cult, the CIA involvement, etc. etc... the alien abduction bit promised next issue... Sky At Night by Sue Herbert. on black holes etc.. 99 sighting reports of interest.. world wide ditto 1960 - 99... Israeli engineer talks with ET.. by phone ? From Arcturus too... long distance ? ... A member of the Kleindontiar race too ! WOW ! Jerry Black... who sounds American 'cos he IS !.. on "What have we learned in 50 years on UFOlogy".. takes certain luminaries to task.. has he been reading Kevin McClure ?... but facetiously so that's OK... report on an Alan Jones talk about reincarnation and hypnotism... that Australian case on the two 'naked alien women' who somehow appeared on witnesses bed after he had been taking pain medication (!) and after making him bite a nipple (!) left him with two hairs wrapped around a certain organ, currently being tested for DNA... is there no end to it ? (no joke intended) All I can conclude is ... where can I buy the medication ? OK.. **SKYWATCHERS** is £ 12 for a quarterly per year issue, single copies £2, 24 Carrinne Road, Truro, Cornwall, TR1 3XB.

**CASMAG...** two copies herewith, spring and summer... new to me, cover asks 'Are You Out There ?' to check whether the mag. is reaching ANYONE. We are... so where were you ? If "Elaine" asks for info but doesn't provide an address etc anywhere what does one do ? An abduction article doesn't help as it turns out to be fiction ! Ah ! the summer issue has Mike Wray at 15 Redwood Gardens, West Totton, Southampton, SO40 8SY... and



further on, Elaine Waite on 0797 928854... should that be 01797 ? Try either.. 2 sighting reports with no location and no idea who saw them or wrote ! Enthusiasm is rampant.. a bit more attention to detail please !

**FASTER THAN LIGHT** .. the magazine for the Hull UFO Society issue 16... no date anywhere.. has colourful cover, articles include "Roswell.. 52 years of unanswered questions" by Donald R. Schmitt and Thomas J.Carey, Part One, which is essential reading I reckon.. that Tunguska "cosmic impact" from BBC Online... and Nessie caught on world-wide Web ?... evasive official answers to those balls of light, diamond shapes, rows of lights... according to who you were !... sightings in the Hull area February. Although the MOD claimed.. they would, wouldn't they ?... they had received no reports of such. Well, maybe that is truth for once since people do not bother to get in touch with that faceless machine the MOD now possess for enquiries... anyway, I reckon somewhere the reports pile up and into that highly long kept secret set of files maybe never to see public gaze ! Good article by Russel Callaghan of UFO magazine and fact based UFO investigations... his shared actual UFO sighting in 1980 the spur for all this.. know the feeling ? Russel is at our own Conference 24th October as you OUGHT to know and OUGHT to have bought tickets for ! Malcolm Robinson does his excellent book reviews... the Alec Maclellan Earth Enigma (Souvenir Press Ltd) sounds VERY interesting. Another "Rendlesham Revisited" article that repeats the previous ones crap jokes and general humorous approach I am afraid ! Other than that... a good buy at £1.30 per issue from The Big Grey, 24 Chesnut Avenue, queens Road, Hull, HU5 2RH.

**UPRI NEWSLETTER** is a rather strange production not seen before by yours truly... UFO and Paranormal Research Ireland is the full title of a group whose aim is 'independent and objective research' and Issue Two 1999 is just that, features a "baby alien" embryo "crash" in Northwest Ireland, story by a DJ ! A 30 pages thick magazine (I counted 'em as none were numbered !) that seems to carry articles filched from the media and authors as it asks for witness reports, welcome, but further on 'it is not our policy to publish letters detailing personal UFO or Paranormal experiences'. The magazine seems to bear this out, doesn't make it less readable and since there's no

price etc. anywhere might be worth an enquiry, One or two items are worthy of questioning their veracity though... especially the erroneous abduction bit on pregnancy of abductees. Try Po Box 7041, Harmonstown, Dublin 5, Ireland. Phone 088 2144009 Monday to Sunday 10.00 am - 10.0 p.m. it says ! Wow !

OK... feel sure that's all there is and since I've made 6 pages of it better stop there before Steve gets his delete button hot !

### NASA HOME PAGE 1.10.99.

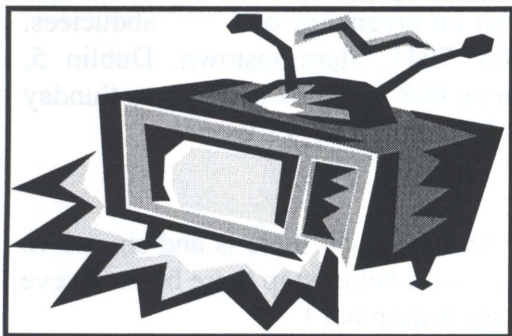
#### **Mars Climate Orbiter Team Finds Likely Cause of Loss.**

Failure to recognise and correct an error in a transfer of information between the Mars Climate Orbiter spacecraft team in Colorado and the mission navigation team in California led to the loss of the spacecraft last week. That is the preliminary finding, by NASA's Jet propulsion Laboratory, after an internal peer review determined that one team used English units (e.g., inches, feet and pounds) while the other used metric units for a key spacecraft operation. The information in question was key to manoeuvres required to place the Mars Climate Orbiter in the proper Mars orbit. NASA has formed two separate review committees to investigate the loss of the spacecraft and an independent NASA failure review board will be formed shortly. The goal of these reviews is to learn from this error and ensure that the Mars Polar Lander will have a successful landing on Dec. 3.

(How could scientists / engineers trained to the highest standards get their English Units and metric measurements mixed up !!!! a case of 2 + 2 does not = 4..... )

## TELEVISION & RADIO REVIEWS :

15th August - 15th October 1999...



Oh well readers, it is a sad time when I have no television or radio programs to review. This seems to be getting the norm and the way things are going, I will be removing my cable equipment in the not too distant future, as it is not worth the money. If of course you have recorded something off the TV or from radio that I missed, then by all means send me a copy and I will include it in the next TV / Radio reviews. But that is all folks for now and I hope to have better news in the next edition of the newsletter (but don't hold your breath !!!)...

### 10,000 mph UFO Sighting.. Lynn News 8th Oct 1999...

Ten thousand mile an hour UFOs streaked in formation across West Norfolk's night sky on Tuesday.

That's the belief of former RAF man Dennis Frost who used his experience of aircraft to judge the speed and put their altitude at 15,000 - 20,000 ft.

Mr Frost, of 6 Kent Close, Sutton Bridge, was being driven home from Bailey's shooting ground at Walpole Highway by his son Robert (43) at about 10.10.p.m. when the UFOs appeared behind them.

Both described the craft as being

large, coloured a brilliant emerald green and travelling at incredible speed.

Mr Frost senior said as they cut across country travelling from the A47 towards the A17 and approached the African Violet junction they both became aware of the two lights in the sky.

"They were travelling at fantastic speed, 10,000 miles an hour - phenomenal speed. There were two, flying side by side. They were so bright they were like intense green lights dropped ten feet in front of you, but they were very high.

"They were in level flight and flew over us before separating. One shot off towards Lynn and one towards Boston. They were moving so fast they were gone in a flash - we had them in view for five or six seconds".

Mr Frost, who has an interest in aircraft, said : "I've been in the RAF, but these were no craft I know of . The speed was out of order. They were not of this world."

He said they stopped their vehicle to watch the craft and described conditions and visibility into the night sky as good.

He said they could not define the distinct shape of a craft other than to say they were a large mass of green and "like nothing I've ever seen before". They produced no sound that they could detect.

Mr Frost's son, Robert, a businessman of Holbeach St John's near Holbeach, was a little more sceptical.

He said : "They were like a couple of great glowing lights going very fast. They came over the top of us and then just fizzed out. One went right and the other left, out over The Wash.

"I've seen meteorites before, but they are mainly small and white. These were big and emerald green . I've never seen anything like it".

Also, in the same newspaper of the 15th October, a Mr. Thompson, walking his dog claimed to of seen 2 lights which were bright, with a green tinge, at Heacham. He watched them for 10 minutes before the cloud came over. They seemed to move apart and then come back together.

It seems that Norfolk has had a spate of sightings and when I go on my Hols' this year to Norfolk, will I be able to spot these mysterious lights.... Who knows... I will keep you posted about it....



"The Russians themselves keep knocking on my door," Huneeus states. "They want to sell their stuff here". In fact, given today's economic crisis in Russia, thousands of people of all classes, but particularly from the military services, are desperately seeking - or deliberately creating - anything they can sell to Western buyers with bucks. UFO files are one of the few exportable raw materials with a market in the West, so there should be no surprise that there are suddenly so many bizarre items now available and so few Russians willing to be cautious or critical about them.

If these Russian UFO delusions only affected their own research, the silliness would do no world-wide harm. But the intellectual infection has spread far beyond borders and polluted UFO studies in other countries as well. These new commercial conspiracies between Russian tall-tale sellers and Western tall-tale tellers in the entertainment and pseudodocumentary industry will make it much worse.

The more serious Western UFOlogists for instance, are particularly embarrassed by their colleagues' naive, unbounded enthusiasm for the 1967 "crescent" and the subsequent so-called Gindilis Report, with Soviet thermonuclear weapon tests masquerading as true UFOs. Dr. James McDonald, probably America's top UFO expert of the 1960s, testified that the crescents "cannot be readily explained in any conventional terms." DR. J. Allen Hynek, dean of American UFOlogy in the 1970s, reviewed the sightings and crowed, "It becomes very much harder - in fact, from my personal viewpoint, impossible - to find a trivial solution for all the UFO reports if one weighs and considers the calibre of some of the witnesses." They were scientists, pilots, engineers, and fellow astronomers, and Hynek was absolutely certain they couldn't have been mistaken.

Today's successor to McDonald and Hynek is retired space scientist Richard Haines, American director of the joint United States - Commonwealth of Independent States working group on UFOs the Aerial Federation. Concerning the 1967 sightings, he confidently wrote that "the reports represent currently unknown phenomena, being completely different in nature from known atmospheric optics effects or technical experiments in the atmosphere."

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### **Group Member Steve Rider Writes...**

### **Does Anyone Want To Find The Truth ?**

## **A SHORT AUTO-BIOGRAPHY..**

For the past Twenty years or more, I have had an interest in the paranormal. This interest was spawned by my father telling me about a ghost seen by himself and his brother when they were young. So this sent me on a life long crusade to find out as much information about ghosts as I could.

This interest in ghosts brought me into contact with the paranormal and it's spider web of linked subjects. This included the subject of UFO's.

As the years past I found that I retained my interest in the paranormal, but I found myself more drawn to just looking into ghosts and UFO's.

I became actively involved in the research of these subjects in the early part of the 1990's. Until that time I spent much of my time reading up on the various subjects and trying to form my own theories on what they all could be about.

However, in the early 1990's I joined two groups. Firstly a paranormal research group (the name of which I will not put down for personal reasons etc.). Secondly, The Southampton UFO Group.

Within the paranormal research group I was the person responsible for the UFO section as well as being involved with a couple of other sections including the ghost section. This research group was the one thing that, I hoped, would be able to help me find the answer to so many questions. Also let me play an active role in research, something I have wanted to do for many years. However, it was not to be. There was some problems within the group, some certain people took exception to there being 'leaders' of certain sections. Some others and I became disillusioned and resigned.

Those few of us began our own group, which for about two or three years, was just perfect. We investigated ghost sightings, haunted buildings etc. but eventually we went our separate way which was mainly due to personal circumstances for some of us. In my own personal case it was the death of my mother. But, I still retain my

interest in ghosts and related phenomenon. I hope that one day I will carry on the research into this area. Even though I need no more convincing that they exist (but, that is another story).

I have kept up my involvement with the Southampton UFO Group, of which I am now an active member and a certified investigator, it is only with the help and friendship of Steve Gerrard (the man behind the group) that I have been able to do this. I have found that SUFOG is a small but dedicated group with its small band of loyal people who always put themselves out to help the group and to attend the meetings whenever they can.

I have also become involved with teaching the subject of UFO's at Totton College in Southampton. The college course is the first that I know of to be accredited by the open college network. It is down to one Craig Roberts who had the initial idea for the course and was kind enough to invite me to help him, and for that I will be eternally grateful.

### **Does Anyone Really Want To Find The Truth ?**

You may be wondering why I have titled this "Does Anyone Really Want to Find the Truth" ? You may be wondering why I am asking this question or making this statement ? The reason that I have for putting this to you is what I am about to discuss. You may agree, you may not agree. Whatever it is that you think, I ask you to do just that 'THINK'.

In the few years that UI have been a part of the Southampton UFO group, I have watched the numbers at group meetings drop to three people. I have seen poor responses to questionnaires sent out by Steve Gerrard, to group speakers, to skywatches and other areas, the latest being the Conference. Steve himself and one other person, Bill Smith, have put a lot of hard work, effort and our own time to arranging this Conference and indeed other aspects, and it seems that there are people out there who just can not be bothered to support the group. Indeed, it seems that there are only a few dedicated people that are always there. But, why should it always be the same old faces ? If there are people out there who are unhappy about something or have a viewpoint to put across then please come to the meetings. It can only serve to forward our interest on the subject if we all get together and work together to find out the answers. However, if you do not make the effort to come along and put forward your ideas and discuss them, then you should have no cause to complain about anything.

I expect that the chosen few (by this I mean Steve, myself, Bill, Ernie and the few other constant supporters of the group) will continue to put forward their efforts, their time and whatever else they can for the continued search for the truth, if indeed there is a truth ? But, we will continue on no matter what because to those few of us it is the group, and our interest that matters and not the bus times or the train times etc.

### **A Disillusioned Mind ! But I Will Carry On.**

It is only in the past few months that I have found myself becoming slightly disillusioned with many things. however, I never expected to say it about the subject that has continued to drive my interest for so long. But, it is true I have found myself to be increasingly frustrated with the inability of people to support their local group and many other things beside this, these things include the only UFO's that I have seen are small white lights, with one exception that I have told precious few people about as even I wonder if I believe it myself. When I have been on a skywatch and something has been seen, something has kept me from observing this, be it wrong place or illness. I have even intended to go on a skywatch but, been called in to work or whatever and again something has been observed. Believe me when I say that I could go on with this but you would get bored with it all.

However, despite my disillusionment and disappointment, I intend to carry on because I won't let it beat me. All I wish is that others would make the effort, because we would all benefit in the end. In the end, who knows, we may even be able to take one step closer to the answers that have eluded us all for so long ?

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(I know how you feel Steve and thanks for sticking by me and the group and what more can I say.....) Steve Gerrard (SUFOG Founder)



**The National Post (Canada) 7th July 1999.****"When aliens steal our sleep".****(Nicholas D.Kristof - The new York Times)**

About once a week, Jean-Christophe Terrillon wakes up and senses the presence a threatening, evil being beside his bed. Terror ripples through him, and he tries to move or call out.

But he is paralysed, unable to raise an arm or make a sound.

"I feel an intense pressure in my head, as if it's going to explode," said Terrillon, a Canadian physicist doing research in Japan. Sometimes he finds himself transported upward and looking down on his body, or else sent hurtling through a long tunnel. These episodes are terrifying, even for a scientist who does not believe in evil spirits.

This disorder, called sleep paralysis, is the result of a disconnect between brain and body as a person is on the fringe of sleep. A growing number of scholars believe that sleep paralysis may help explain many reports of supernatural events.

"I think it can explain claims of witchcraft and alien abduction," said Kazuhiko Fukuda, a professor of psychology at Fukushima University in Japan and a leading expert on sleep paralysis. Research in Japan has had a head start because sleep paralysis is well known to most Japanese, who call it Kanasibari. It is little known and less studied in the West.

"We have a framework for it, but in North America there's no concept for people to understand what has happened to them," Fukuda said. "So if Americans have the experience and if they have heard of alien abductions, then they may think, 'Aha, it's alien abduction!'".

Sleep paralysis was once thought to be very rare. But recent studies in Canada, Japan, China and the United States have suggested that about half of all people have experienced it at least once.

In Newfoundland, the numbers were over 60%. There, as in Japan, people have a name for the condition in Newfoundland, it is called "old hag" because it is associated with visions of an old witch sitting on the chest of a paralysed sleeper, sometimes throttling the sleeper with her hands.

Sleep paralysis seems to have been described since ancient times. What is striking is that although the symptoms of sleep paralysis are generally very similar, the images in the hallucinations and the interpretation of them vary.

Europeans interpreted ancient sleep paralysis as assaults or abductions by witches taking them on forcible rides on broomsticks. Chinese called it GUI YA, or ghost pressure, and believed that a ghost sat on and assaulted sleepers.

In the West Indies, sleep paralysis was called Kokma and meant a ghost baby who jumped on the sleeper's chest and attacked the throat. In old Japan, it sometimes seems to have been interpreted as a giant devil whose foot came down on the sleeper's chest.

"People will draw on the most plausible account in their repertoire to explain their experience," said Al Cheyne, an associate professor of psychology. The notion of aliens from outer space is more contemporary and somewhat more plausible to the modern mind. So a flight on a broomstick is replaced by a teleportation to a waiting spaceship".

Cheyne said that in a survey of more than 2,000 people who had experienced sleep paralysis, hundreds described experiences similar to alien abduction.

"A sensed presence, vague gibberish spoken in one's ear, shadowy creatures moving about the room, a strange immobility, a crushing pressure and painful sensations in various parts of the body - these are compatible not just with an assault by a primitive demon but also with probing by alien experimenters," Cheyne said. "And the sensations of floating and flying account for the reports of levitation and transport to alien vessels."

In recent years there has been a huge increase in the number of people who insist they have been kidnapped by alien creatures from outer space, perhaps subjected to medical experiments and then released again. One study found that people who reported being abducted by aliens were no more fantasy prone than the general population and had slightly higher intelligence.

Several scholars have found that people are more likely to report alien abductions when they have been exposed to movies or books about the idea. Simon Sherwood, a researcher on sleep paralysis in England,

said that one case study he gathered, a regular sufferer of sleep paralysis watched an alien film., then had a hallucination of "little blue aliens" inserting a metal probe into his forehead.

But many scholars are loath to study the connection between reports of alien abduction and sleep paralysis. And those who believe in alien abductions deny that sleep paralysis could be behind it all. John E. Mack, a Harvard University Medical School professor who is the most prominent defender of the possibility of abductions, argues that sleep paralysis simply does not fit the evidence. He notes that at least a few abduction reports come from remote places where people are not exposed to movies or tales of U.F.O.'s, and that many happen in daylight and involve people who seem to have been awake and alert.

So what is sleep paralysis ?

Even after many years of study, it remains mysterious. Experts have trouble even saying definitively whether a person is asleep or awake during sleep paralysis.

"In the classic definition, you are awake," said Emmanuel Mignot, director of the Centre for Narcolepsy at Stanford University Medical School. "But in practice, there's a gradient between being awake and being in REM sleep. "Sleep paralysis lies somewhere on that slope.

During REM sleep - the period when Rapid Eye Movement takes place - the body essentially turns itself off and disconnects from the brain. This is a safety measure, so people do not physically act out their dreams, and it means that people are effectively paralysed during part of their sleep. Even automatic reflexes, like kicking when the knee is tapped, do not work during REM sleep.

Sleep paralysis seems to occur when the body is in REM sleep while the brain has emerged from sleep and is either awake or semi-awake. Usually after a minute or two the spell is broken and the person is able to move again, as the brain and body re-established their connection.

Just what is going on in the brain during sleep paralysis is unclear. The person experiencing the paralysis certainly feels completely awake and "sees" the room clearly, but laboratory experiments in Japan show that sometimes people experiencing sleep paralysis do not even open their eyes.

Aside from witchcraft and alien abduction, sleep paralysis is also sometimes mentioned as a possible link to shamanism and to dream interpretation, and even to near-death experiences. But for many

sufferers, the growing research in the field is reassuring simply because it demonstrates they are not alone in their terrifying night-time paralysis and hallucinations.

"Sometimes I'm just glad that I didn't live a long time ago," said Terrillon, the Canadian physicist in Japan. "Because maybe people who had this in the olden days were put in madhouses."

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### SUFOG CASE REPORTS..

Well folks, with the group on the edge of collapse, the UFO sightings / reports have just started to come in. We are (Well investigator Andy Phillips is) investigating the case of a 45 yr old chap, who at 02.30 a.m. whilst sat on a park bench, was illuminated by a pencil beam of light, which was coming from a hovering object. What makes this of interest, is that it happened in a park right next door to the Meridian television studios in Southampton !!!

There is more to come about this case and I hope that in the very near future, to include the case in full once things have been checked out.

Also, we have had a second report of a UFO over Southampton, the following day. This consisted of 2 objects, a smaller one with a larger object behind it 'following' each other. this is not a UFO. With Southampton boat show in full swing, the answer lies within. Over the week, a small aircraft has been flying over Southampton and along Southampton Water, towing a large advertising banner for a holiday company. When you see the drawing, then it fits into place..

Case solved.....

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**Letter of thanks from a contented  
reader and group member  
Mrs Reynolds..**

In reply to Steve's letter thanking everyone for their support of the newsletter throughout the year.

I thought it was high time that a vote of thanks is given to Steve, Bill Smith and all concerned for all the hard work, that is put into making the group work i.e. the newsletter, organising the various events. Also tickets for meetings and hire of the hall and many other things, all very time consuming.

Therefore it is understanding the frustration felt when the attendance is down (the 23rd May) when Ernie Sears gave an excellent talk. I for one hope it will not be too long before hearing him speak again.

I would like to say this.. We all believe in the same thing and we are looking for answers and who knows one day we might find them...

So let us all give S.U.F.O.G our full support and thanks once again Steve.

Regards to all group members.  
Mrs D.Reynolds.

feelings of trauma can be removed while recounting the incident.

Anyone wanting to undergo regression for abduction should be aware that a full personal case history will be taken on the first session.

If you would like to find out more, or make an appointment, please call : -

**Sabena on 01703 225787.**

**Circles in Canada - September 1999..**

Whilst scanning my favourite newspaper internet site, I came across the following :

**The Regina Leader - Post (Canada) : 21.9.99 :**  
More Crop Circles being discovered in farmer's fields.. (Saskatoon)

**The Regina Leader - Post (Canada) : 16.9.99 :**  
Farmer wonders who made crop circles.... (Saskatoon).

**The Hamilton Spectator (Canada) : 30.7.99 :**  
Hagersville's field of dreamers crop-circle question draws galaxy of cosmic theories.

**The Hamilton Spectator (Canada) : 29.7.99 :**  
The bard's take on crop circles.

I will try with my Canadian contacts to find out more about these mystery appearances in Canada and update you in a future newsletter..

**Regression for abduction.**

There is within publishing an ever increasing number of articles and books relating to abductions by U.F.O.'s, it is not surprising then that there is an even greater number of sceptics who are eager to dispute the 'we' are taken for whatever reason.

It is very easy for these sceptics to find 'evidence' that reneges any statements made by abductees, therefore there is an absolute need for therapists who are able to elicit true memories that stand up to the almost obsessional scrutiny of these sceptics.

Therefore as a trained hypnotherapist with a special interest in regression and especially for abduction scenarios. I feel that I can proffer a safe and professional service for those people who truly believe that they have been abducted.

Regression takes place whilst a person is in a hypnotic trance allowing easier and greater access to the memories that surround the period of abduction, hypnosis is used so that any

**Sorry from the editor...  
(On behalf of the Post Office)..**

Dear readers, I am sorry if any of you had to pay an extra 25p to receive your last newsletter, but I am afraid it was down to the Post Office and not me. A sample sealed envelope was weighed prior to dispatch and the post office said that the envelope was all right for First Class Post.. So, if anyone lets me know before the 15th October , I will place a 26p in an envelope along with their next newsletter. Otherwise may I apologies... On behalf of the Post Office.... Sorry.... !!!!

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